

City of Milton Newsletter

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Tree Information

All resources discussed below are available at www.milton-wi.gov/TreeInformation.

During the years of 2019, 2020, and 2021, the City has conducted enhanced enforcement of the hazardous tree ordinance requirements. This was prompted by the Emerald Ash Borer infections in Ash trees, which resulted in the death of many trees in the City of Milton. The enforcement action by the City also included other types of dead or hazardous trees.

Staff sent out letters to 136 properties concerning dead or hazardous trees. Trees located on private property and on the Right of Way adjacent to a property are the responsibility of the property owner for removal. Staff received great cooperation from property owners who were contacted regarding removal of hazardous trees. There are approximately 10 properties City staff are still working with to remove trees. The letters were sent out over a three year timeline.

Staff will continue to work with property owners in 2021 and beyond who still need to remove trees. Per ordinance the City can remove the trees and charge the property owners the cost, but the City would rather have the owners privately schedule the removal.

Emerald Ash Borer



Emerald Ash Borer

Included on the City website, the City provides information about Emerald Ash Borer infections. The insect is still around and further City inspections are planned to occur again in the Spring or Summer of 2022.

Tree Related Ordinances

The City's website also provides information about local rules and regulations concerning trees, including hazardous tree information, design, information for businesses and development, and the responsibilities of the Parks & Recreation Commission in the Code of Ordinances. All of the tree related ordinances were placed in one

document on the website to make it easier for community members to find the information they need.

Brush Collection



Curbside collection of brush occurs on a regular basis in the City of Milton. The City's website includes dates and information about curbside brush collection.

Urban Forestry Grant



The City received an Urban Forestry Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) that allowed the City to replace dead trees that were removed from

parks and open spaces, along the highways, and at City facilities.

The City planted 75 trees to replace the 75 trees that were removed.

Wood Chips Delivered

The City delivers wood chips and logs to properties within the School District of Milton when available. In order to be placed on the list, please contact the Public Works Department at (608) 868-6914 or complete the form available on the City's website.

Tree City USA



The City of Milton was awarded Tree City USA designation for the fifth year in a row in 2020, which shows the City of Milton's commitment to maintaining the community's urban forest.

Important Dates to Remember:

City Office Closures:

- November 25 & 26
- December 23 & 24
- December 30 (City Hall and Police Administrative Offices only)
- December 31

Library Closures

- November 25 & 26
- December 24, 25, & 26
- December 31

Small Business & Non-Profit Grants Available:

In response to the pandemic, Rock County has launched a pair of funding programs to assist small businesses and non-profits. While both programs are based on need and designed to stabilize, strengthen, and/or restart business operations that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19, each program is structured and funded differently.

More information is available on their website: www.rcbizgrants.org.

Dog & Cat Licenses Available at City Hall

Dog and cat licenses for 2022 are now available at City Hall for purchase. The cost is \$8 if the pet is spayed or neutered and \$15 if they are not.

City of Milton Department Phone Numbers:

City Hall – 868-6900 Court – 868-6910 Fire Dept. – 868-2842 Library – 868-7462 Police Dept. – 868-6910 Public Works –868-6914



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Milton Public Library Updates and Information

November Book Sale

The Friends of Milton Public Library book sale is going on throughout the month of November during library hours. Prices range from 10 cents to \$1 and there are children, teen, and adult materials, including DVDs and music CDs. Money from the sale supports library programming. More information about becoming a member of the Friends of Milton Public Library is on the library's website, www.miltonpubliclibrary.org.

Indoor Storytime has Resumed!

The library will host two identical, in-person sessions each week – Mondays from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be stories, finger plays, action rhymes, and songs. At this time, there will be no craft available after storytime. In an effort to follow social distancing guidelines, we will extend the seating area and mark out pods to keep families separated throughout storytime. Families who are not ready to come back for in-person storytime can watch the weekly Story|Break posted each Monday on Facebook. The Story|Break will feature one story and a few songs from the in-person storytime.

Craft Takeout: Super Simple DIY Stamp *Monday, November 22*

Pick up your craft kit starting Monday, November 22, and tune into the instructional video posted on the library's Facebook and YouTube to learn how to make your own reusable stamp and to customize a canvas pouch. Kits are limited. To register, contact Ashlee at kunkel.ashlee@als.lib.wi.us or call 868-7462. For those in grades 7-12.

Winter Reminders

Sidewalks: After every snowfall, all sidewalks must be cleared regardless of the amount of accumulation. Residential properties have 60 hours to clear the sidewalks, and business properties have until 10 a.m. the next day to clear the sidewalks.

Parking: No vehicle may be left parked on the street or in a municipal parking lot after a snowfall of 1.5 inches or greater. Vehicles may not be returned to the street or a municipal parking lot until after the snow has been removed or plowed to the curbline. In business districts, the Police

The SPARK @ MPL: Yarn Painting Monday November 22, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Let's get our yarn on! We are going to be using yarn instead of paint to make some very colorful pictures. No needles required for this project. So, kick off your holiday week in The SPARK anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Materials and instructions will be provided. To register contact Marijka at bosma.marijka@als.lib.wi.us or call 608-868-7462.

Medicare Information Session

Tuesday, November 30, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A licensed representative will be at the library with information about plans available in Rock County.

Green Bay Packers Foundation Grant Received for Chess Tables at Story Gardens

The library received a \$5,000 grant from the Green Bay Packers Foundation for Story Gardens. Specifically, this grant will go towards the purchase of two sets of concrete chess tables that will be installed in the spring of 2022. The Green Bay Packers Foundation supports charities and organizations that seek to perpetuate a community environment that promotes families and the competitive value of athletics; contributes to player and fan welfare; ensures the safety and education of children; and/or prevents cruelty to animals. This year's specific focus was on arts and culture, athletics, and education.



Department will tow any vehicle in violation once the plows begin working in those areas. In both downtown areas, there are limited, designated parking spots where you can park overnight if snow accumulates over 1.5 inches.

Salted Sand: Salted sand is available to pick up at the Public Works Garage, 150 Northside Drive, for City of Milton residents.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (608) 868-6914 or the Milton Police Department at (608) 868-6910.

City Meeting Schedule:

Most meetings are being held virtually. Instructions on how to monitor the meetings are included on each agenda.

- December 1, 5:15 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission
- December 6, 6:30 p.m. Library Board
- December 7, 4 p.m. Plan Commission
- December 7, 6 p.m. Common Council
- December 15, 6 p.m. Joint Fire Commission
- December 20, 6 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission
- December 21, 4 p.m. Plan Commission
- December 21, 6 p.m. Common Council
- January 3, 6:30 p.m. Library Board
- January 5, 5:15 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission
- January 17, 6 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission
- January 18, 4 p.m. Plan Commission
- January 18, 6 p.m. Common Council
- January 19, 6 p.m. Joint Fire Commission

Dates and times for meetings may change. All agendas and minutes are posted on the City's website.

